

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Applicant has made non-substantive amendments of form of Claims 1, 7, 11, 14, and 21 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiners' rejection of claims 3, 13 and 23 as follows: The examiner states that the recitation " $s' = w/c$ " in claims 3, 13 and 23 are indefinite as they are inconsistent with " $s' = w/(c+1)$ " as recited in claim 1. However, claim 1 does not recite " s' ", but recites is in fact recited " $s = w/(c+1)$ "; there is no single quotation mark after the lower-case character " s " in claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the recitations in claims 3, 13 and 23 are not inconsistent with the recitation of claim 1.


It is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been traversed and that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss remaining issues, if there are any.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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